

# Tri-Valley Conservancy

*Preserving Land for Future Generations*

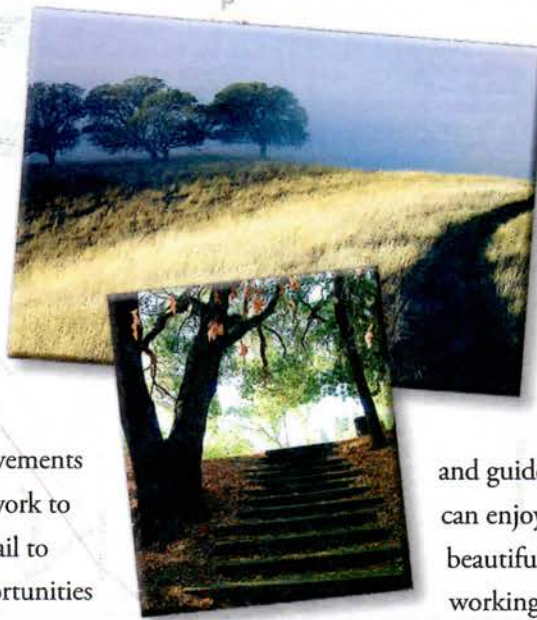
## ANNUAL REPORT 2013

### *Preserving & Connecting the Tri-Valley Region*

Together, with our partners and local community, we preserve and enhance the viticulture and wine making heritage of the South Livermore Valley, we connect regional trails, increase public access to our scenic open spaces and we protect our land for plants and wildlife to thrive.

Even with all of our collective achievements this past year there is still so much work to be done! There are many miles of trail to create and complete, countless opportunities to support and highlight our local wineries and businesses, numerous acres of open spaces under threat of over development and critical habitat in need of enhancement.

Tri-Valley Conservancy's focus is on permanently protecting lands that preserve the area's rural character, scenic beauty, and diverse environmental resources. The Tri-Valley region is rich with ranch lands, vineyards, orchards, rolling hills, parks, lakes and networks of trails. Our tremendous diversity of vistas and natural resources is highly desirable; they markedly enhance residents' quality of life and provide a great allure to the tourism industry.



A popular way to enjoy the scenic views is by using one of the many hiking trails available in our Tri-Valley area. There are trails to accommodate all types of travelers. Most trails in the Tri-Valley area are open year round for your enjoyment. You can walk with your family, jog for exercise, ride a horse, ride a bike, walk your dog, or skate. Many local trails connect to and guide you through natural areas where you can enjoy colorful wildflowers, singing birds and beautiful landscapes. Tri-Valley Conservancy is working with city and county representatives to identify trails that need to be completed or interconnected and we are partnering with Visit Tri-Valley ([www.visittrivalley.com](http://www.visittrivalley.com)) to create a trail guide for the region.

We will preserve lands so that people can hike, bike and walk throughout the hills and vineyards; in turn, people who enjoy the land will be motivated to protect it. Please continue to review the TVC website ([www.trivalleyconservancy.org](http://www.trivalleyconservancy.org)), email updates and local publications as more information becomes available on our trail connection projects and preservation of agricultural and open spaces.

*We thank you for your continued support!*

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# Tri-Valley Conservancy Looks Back at 2013 The Year in Review – Events & New Faces...

## FREEZE FRAME!

Congratulations to our photo contest winners & THANK YOU all contestants for spotlighting beautiful views of Tri-Valley.

**First Prize**  
*Historic Livermore View*  
by Rick Probst



## NEW DIRECTORS APPOINTED TO THE BOARD



**ART JEANETTE** joined the TVC Board as at-large Director in 2013. Art's best work was seen on the Finance Committee in creating financial reports that are easy to read and provide financial information for our Board and Staff.



**CLAY WIDMAYER** was appointed to the TVC Board by the City of Livermore in 2013. Clay's passion and knowledge of TVC's mission and vision has generated enthusiasm resulting in an increase in donors and more donations for TVC!



**Second Place**  
*Irrigation Wheel at Stanley Ranch*  
by Kerry McGhee



**Third Place**  
*Bovinin Standoff*  
by Rick Probst



## Livermore Valley Uncorked!

TVC was proud to award winemaker, Chris Graves with Best Red and Best in Show. The winning wine was Ruby Hill Estate Reserve 2009 Petite Sirah. The 100+ wines entered were made only with grapes grown in Livermore Valley American Viticulture Area (AVA).

Livermore Mayor, John Marchand & Chris Graves, winning Winemaker from Ruby Hill Winery



Cheers! Tarric and Remily El-Sayed and Cindy Johnson start the night with a tequila toast.



*This year's Jeans & Jewels was a great success with over 260 guests and raising over \$55,000(net) to*

*help support the preservation of land in the Tri-Valley region. Mark your calendars for November 6, 2014 to attend Jeans & Jewels on Emerald Isle.*



Special thanks to donors Mark & Maria Triska who generously donate their beautiful Climbing Rose Cottage as an auction item.



Read Phillips celebrates winning the live auction package--A party for 30 at historic Ravenswood.



## Succession Planning Workshop

The Tri-Valley Conservancy, in partnership with the California Rangeland Trust (CRT), the Alameda County Conservation Partnership and California Farmlink, hosted the *Farm and Ranch Succession Workshop: Preserving Agricultural Lands for the Next Generation* on May 17, 2013. The workshop educated ranchers and farmers on the benefits of

conservation easements as a tool to maintaining family harmony and giving the next generation a viable agricultural legacy while preserving working lands in the Tri-Valley region.

## Adopt A Creek Clean-up



28 volunteers of all ages gathered together to help Tri-Valley Conservancy clean-up 2 miles of the Arroyo Mocho Creek. Volunteers pulled weeds, trimmed blackberry bushes, planted trees and cleaned-up trash.

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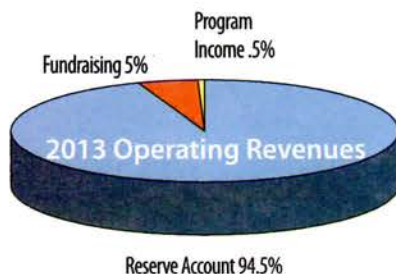
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 & learn how you can help  
 preserve agricultural lands &  
 open spaces that are vital to  
 protecting the quality of life  
 in our community.*

## TVC 2013 Financial Recap



Revenue	
Reserve Account . . . . .	94.50% \$2,464,237.00
Fundraising . . . . .	5.00% \$137,053.00
Program Income . . . . .	0.50% \$7,139.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$2,608,429.00</b>



Expenses	
Program Services . . . . .	83.4% \$594,660.00
Fundraising . . . . .	12% \$85,119.00
Management & General . . . . .	4.6% \$33,035.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$712,814.00</b>